

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 256

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mark Labig on his selection as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mark Labig is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Labig was recently selected as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, currently a Biology I and Biology II teacher at Jefferson County High School (JCHS), Mark Labig has taught for seven years; he received his bachelor's degree from Wright State University and his master's degree from Carson-Newman University; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his school, Mr. Labig presents at professional learning communities on grouping strategies to improve questioning, literacy, engagement, and critical thinking; he also serves as a member of the JCHS data team and the blended and digital implementation team; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to his community, Mark Labig has designed and drafted new zoology curriculum to benefit the students of Jefferson County; he has coordinated data compilation by students on the local bird populations for a global online database of local endemic bird species, and he volunteers frequently with the Knoxville chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society; and

WHEREAS, he is truly an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mark Labig epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest values of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mark Labig on being chosen as the 2017 Jefferson County Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.